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Song of a Bullet.

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"The wound made by the steel-jacketed rifle bullet, at present in war, is so kind, humane and merdful, compared with the dreadful injuries which were inflicted by its predecessor, the conical leaden bullet, that the 'steel-jacket' may truly be said to be a gift sent by God, for the purpose of making wars less barbarous and cruel."
God gave me a little steel jacket, Drawn, trimmed and assembled on High:

Drawn, trimmed and assembled or High;
He cut it to stand all the racket
Of a journey aloft in the sky.
God gave me a little steel jacket,
To cover me in from the cold.'
You must all understand,
It's a gift from God's hand,
And I wouldn't exchange it for gold.

Ho! Ho! As I hum through the air, At the sound of my song, the men sit up and stare. With a gape and a grin at the gulf of the

As a sort of salute at my galloping by; For, although they can't see me, they know me, and cry: "There ye go in yer little steel jacket!"

It's a right and a rough little jacket, It's a right and a rough little jacket,
Guaranteed not to rove or to rip:
It's a tight and a tough little jacket;
It's as smart as the crack of a whip;
It's a nobby and neat little jacket;
It is cute, cupro-nickeled and bright;
It will wear a long while,
And for sit and for style,
It's the dandlest tunic in sight.

God blessed my little stoel jacket,
As He hoisted me into its sleeves;
It will bore through a bone and not
crack it,
And kind is the wound that it leaves;
For it heals like the prick of a lancet;
For the sign of a scar you may hunt.
When you're down on your back,
You are up in a crack,
And you're down and you're back at
the front.

CHORUS:

Ho! Ho! As I miss by a hair,
At the shock of escape, the men sit up
to swear:
But the men that I hit, be they humble
or high,
Look close at the clean little hurt, and
then cry.

with a look up aloft at the light in the

sky: "Thank the Lord for the little steel jacket!"

—Bertrand Shadwell,

—Beston Transcript.

Miss Schmelz a June Bride. The announcement of the approaching cedding of Miss Ethel Schmelz, eldest

of Mr. Henry Lane Schmelz,

laughter of Mr. Henry Lane Schmelz, he prominent Hampton banker, to Dr. Scholas Albert Battzell is one of interst to the many friends of the bride-to-se in Richmond.

The ceremony will take place June 1st, a Hampton Baptist Church. Mrs. Henry ane Schmelz will be matron and Miss fargaret Schmelz mad of honor. The ridesmaids will include five cousins of he bride-Missos Ruth, Hida and Elsie ichmelz, Rose Parramore and Mary Mc-finamen-and seven school friends, who we vigars ago attended a house party dinamen—and seven school friends, who wo years ago attended a house party iven by Miss Ethel Schmelz. These young adies are Misses Etta H. and Bunice Blanchard and Laura Spencer, of Columius, Ga.; Misses Elizabeth Camey and jertrude Armistead, of Churchland, Va.; diss Lee, of New York, and Miss Poyer, of Roanoke, Va. Little Misses Nancy Belle and Catherine Schmelz will be ribon-holders.

Dr. Battzell, who is a graduate of Tu Dr. Battzell, who is a graduate of Tuane University, and well established in
ractice at Mariana, Fla., will have as
its best man his brother, Captain Battiell. His ushers, will be Messrs. James
Zamey and Henry Kern, of Churchland;
Beorge Reid and Worthey Semple, of Norolk; Captain Bishops, of Fort Monroe;
Nelson S. Groome, Robert Hudgins and
Howard Collier, of Hampton; Allen D.
Jones, of Newport News; Dr. Benjanin
Moomaw, of Roanoke; Mr. Clarence Moonaw of Cloverdale, and Captain Alfred of Cloverdale, and Captain Alfred

naw, of Cloverdale, and Captain Alfred A. Starbird, of Fort Caswell.

The bride will be gowned in white lace yeer chiffon on a taffeta foundation, and arry illies of the valley. The matron of honor will be in white satin and have a bouquet of white peonies. The maid of nonor will be attired in pink crepe de hine; the bridesmaids in white Brussels act embroidered in pink roses over white silk, worn with pink actidles, and white tulle hats. Both the maid of honor and bridesmaids will have clusters of pink

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lane Schmelz will give a house payty, to be attended by the bridal party, from May 27th to June 21. An elaborate wedding dinner will follow the ceremony.

Taliaferro-Christian.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. William Christian for the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Curle, to Mr. Charles Mann Tallaferro, of New York, the ceremony to take place June 7th, at 5:59 o'clock, in Grace Episcopal Charles this city. Church, this city.

Mangus-Wallace.

Mangus—wallace.
Cards have been received in Richmond
from Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wallace for
the marriage of their daughter, Phoebe
Wilson, to Mr. Sidney D. Mangus. The
wedding will be celebrated Wednesday
afternoon, Juno 7th, at 5 o'clock, in the
home of the bride's parents, Woodend,
Va.

Misses Harrison Entertain.

The new country home of Mr. Harrison on Tuesday was the scene of a delight-

The new country home of Mr. Harrison on Tuesday was the scene of a delightful evening when the spacious parlors (decorated in spring flowers) were thrown open by his daughters, the Misses Harrison, to the "Just for Fun" Club.

The Misses Harrison, in blue silk mull, were assisted in receiving by their aunt, Miss Laura Harrison, in white alk mull, and also their cousin, Miss Rosa Trant, in red silk mull over taffeta. Literary functions were engaged in until 11:30 o'clock, when refreshments were served by the charming receiving party. Among some who enjoyed the literary evening were Miss Lamb, Miss Waddill, Miss Hill, Miss Turner, Miss Kemp, Miss Nelson, Miss Ryan, Miss Walker, Miss Trant, Messrs. Hill, Nelson, Catlett, Harrison, Ryan, Pizzini, Johnson, Trant, Kemp, Ryan, Waddill and others.

Personal Mention.

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Mrs. Blanche Preston-Preston, who has been a guest at the Jefferson Hotel for the past ten days, left yesterday for the University of Virginia, where she will be the guest of Professor Humphreya. From the University Mrs. Preston will

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Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fall to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Eliot Norton.

No. 500.

IF ONLY THOU ART TRUE

By BARLOW.

F only a single rose is left, Why should the summer pine? A blade of grass in a rocky cleft: A single star to shine. Why should I sorrow if all be lost, If only thou art mine?

If only a single bluebell gleams Bright on the barren heath, Still of that flower the Summer dreams, Not of his August wreath. Why should I sorrow if thou art mine, Love, beyond change and death?

The sun shines forth in the blue, He gladdens the groves till they laugh as in May And dream of the touch of the dew. Why should I sorrow if all be false, If only thou art true?



go to the mountains of West Virginia, where she has her studio. A case of miniature portraits painted by her may be seen at the exhibition rooms of the Richmond Art Club. She expects to return to Richmond in the autumn.

Mr. H. C. Watkins is visiting Major A. Meyers, on Bute Street, Norfolk.

There will be several ante-nuptial entertainments, one on the evening of May 30th, by Mrs. Robert Scott Hudgins and one the evening before the wedding, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Anton Schmelz.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lane Salar in this was the house when the salar in this was the salar in this was the salar in Mrs. Herbert A. Claiborne will leave this week in response to invitations from Colonia! Dame State Societies at Hart-ford, Connecticut; Providence, Rhotz Is-land, and Wilmington, Delaware, A num-ber of elegant entertainments will be given in Mrs. Claiborne's honor.

Hon, and Mrs. Harry St. George Tucker who have been the guests of friends in the Valley of Virginia, have returned to Washington, D. C.

Mr. Samuel P. Waddill is enjoying a few days of recreation and much needed rest at Virginia Beach. Miss Emily Waddill will join him at the Beach for a short

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Mrs. John William Jones has returned from a visit to her son, the Rev. Dr. E. Pendleton Jones, of Hampton, Va.

The Rev. James Gray McAllister, of Union Theological Seminary, accompanied by Mrs. McAllister, is the guest of the latter's purents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Russeil, of Winchester, Va. He has been engaged as pastor of the Winchester Presbyterian Church during the summer and will be the orator of Winchester Memorial Day, June 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard P. Graves, of Alexandria, Va., have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Asenatha Moore Graves, to Mr. George A. Chadwick, The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride-elect's parents, on South Fairfax Street, Monday evening, May 29th, at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Martha A. Herrington, who recently died in Baltimore at the age of eighty-five, was a little school girl at Leesburg, Va., named Martha Gaffold, when General Lufayette visited this country in 1825. As the youngest of the scholars she was chosen to greet the general with an address of welcome. She was borne through the crowd on the shoulders of Richard Henry Lee and when her address was finished Lafayette kissed her.

or, and Mrs, Andrew Easley have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Janie Marshall, to Mr. Richard Holland Owen, May 24th, at 10 o'clock at the Presbyterian Church, Black Walnut, Va.

Mrs. J. D. Tucker, of South Boston, is visiting friends in Richmond,

Mrs. Drewry is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Minor Bronaugh, on Tazewell Street, Nortolk.

THE QUICKEST AND BEST ROUTE ter, Mrs. Minor Bronaugh, on Tazewell Street, Norfolk.

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Mrs. Beausean, of Richmond, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Minor Bronaugh, on Tazewell Street, Norfolk.

Mr. Barnes Compton, of Maryland, has bought "Valhalla," near Rio, Va. This is one of the most attractive homes in Albemarle, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. McIntire, whose good taste made "Valhalla" so beautifu. will accept the second of beautiful, will soon go to Europe.

Miss Mamle Yates, of Lunenburg Court-house, is visiting relatives in the city.

Mrs. J. N. Walker and little son, of Brian, Va., are spending a few days in Richmond.

Mrs. J. H. Kenedy and her little son, Bryan, of Mineral, Va., are visiting friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Peyton McGuire are spending some time with Dr. Lewis Pendleton, near Frederlek's Hall, Va.

Mr. James Lishman and daughter, Miss Annie L. Lishman, will sail for England on the "Baltie," May 24th.

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THE LATEST BOOKS UNDER BRIEF REVIEW.

LADY PENELOPE. By Morley Roberts. Pp. 362, 81.50. L. C. Page and Company, Boston; Bell, Richmond.
Lady Penelope was young, very. She was also beautiful, charmingly, wealthy and in her bonnet she had the large, buzzing two for Feform. Her large army of suitors she had gradinally weeded out until there were left but eight—two-thirds of a dozen of likely young fellows, whom she found it impossible to decide between. To their faults Penelope was anything but blind. She saw plainly, for example, that Captain Goley was too rough, too masculine and unlettered, that he would in short, be the better for a course in Browning and Shelly; and that Aubrey de Vere, the pretty boudoir poet, would be a better man if he went out-doors of the chest weights and kept large, flere bull-logs. Williams, the war-correspondent, knew far too little about art, and Jimmy Carew, A. R. A., knew too little ahout everything else. And so on down the line. This was where Penelope's ideas of reform got to work. She conceived the brilliant idea of pairing each lover with his opposite that he might imbibe some of the other's character and noint of view, and though each of them hated his complementary associate with a passionate load thing, the poor fellows were too mad about Penelope to think of saying no. How well this splendid rian succeeded may readily be inferred, when we say that before long we find Marquis Rivaux, the celebrated Anti-

HARRISON S. MORRIS
Is managing director of the Pennsylvania'
Academy of Fine Arts, editor of Lippincott's Magazine, and a frequent contributor of verse and prose to the magazines.
His authoritative account of "Philadelpila's Contribution to, American Art" was
published in the March Century, and in
the June Century appears his criticism of
"Miss Violet Oakley's Mural Decorations,"
decorations which are ranked as a notable

Semite, going over to Paris and inviting Dreyfus to dinner, and De Vere writing a monograph on out-door sports, with an appendix on bull-dogs. Speaking of dogs, there is a charming young lad in the story hamed Hob, who took advantage of his constitution to buy up old and weary dogs all over England and sent them to De Vere, who area not cruss, by telegraph. Bob's prices were high, and he did a magnificent business. The little absurdities avising from Penelope's unique theory are many and they are handled very cleverly indeed.

Penelope had sworn that she would marry one of the authful eight, and sae did. She swore that she would marry in private without a church full of curiosity-seekers gaping at her and she did—so privately, infact, that even of the eight there was but one who really knew whom she had married. The complications arising from this state of things are too many to be set forth here. Mr. Robert's idea is an ingenious one, with just the right degree of ridiculousness in it, and he has managed it extremely well. "Lady Penelope' is pure farce-comedy of the mest agreeable sort. It is one of the cleverest and most amusing books we have run across in the twelve-month.

LITTLE BURR.—By Charles Felton Pidgin. Pp. 395. \$1.50. Robinson-Luce Co., Boston. Mr. Pidgin has gone into th rehabilitation of Aaron Burr's character with indefining and the state of Burr urged the idea that history has done this much storled man the grossest of injustices; and now a third book dealing with Burr's youth completes the author's triloxy of defence and argument. The scene is failed in Revolutionary times, and Burr, through the treatment which he is alleged to have received at the hands of Thomas Jefferson, its dubbed the "Warwick of America." The historical accuracy of the writer's contentions we shall have to the judgment of better informed the wetter's contentions we shall have to leave to the judgment of better informed authorities than ourselves. We should find Mr. Pidgin's work much more attractive if he did not take himself and it with such gigantic and deadly serious ness, Considered strictly as a novel we should not regard "Little Burr" as particularly successful. It is unskifully told, and frankly dult. In a preface the author congratulates himself and inferentially, the public over the fact that a great deal of new Burr material has come to him from the press and from correspondents, which is to be incorporated in his "Life of Aaron Burr." "Were it not," he somewhat nalvely adds, "for the prominence and perpetuity that I shall thus be able to confer upon them, these ephemeral publications Books.

Two Excellent Sporting Books.

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THE AMERICAN THOROUGHBRED. By Charles E. Trevuthan. Pp. 495. \$2.00 net. The MacMillan Company, New York.

RIDING AND DRIVING. By 18. L. Anderson and P. Collier. Pp. 441. \$2.00 net. The MacMillan Company, New York.

These two large volumes agree-worthy-contributions to MacMillan Company's admirable American sportsman's library, published under the general editorial direction of Caspar Whitney, In "The American Thoroughbred," Mr. Charless E. Trevathan gives a fairly complete history of the turf in America, beginning with the first importations of horses into this country (1877), and the first race meetings in Charleston, S. C., and at New Market in this State. The early story of history and the first race meetings in Charleston, S. C., and at New Market in this country is almost wholly the story of the South. At the New Market course there is a record says the author "that Teeneral Wassington Immediated as a judge on one sconson Immediated as a judge on one country is almost wholly the story of the South. At the New Market course there is a record says the author "that Teeneral Wassington Immediated as a judge on one sconsion Immediated as a judge on one sconson Immediated with this sport as Colonel John Taylor. Messrs. Hommes, Solden Johnson, in Virginia Governors Ogle, Ridgely, Wright and others, of Marrjand, and snep names became identified with this sport as Colonel John Taylor. Messrs. Hommes, Solden Johnson, in Virginia Governors Ogle, Ridgely, Wright and others, of Marrjand, and in South Carolina. General Pinckney. William Alston and General Pinckney. William Alston and General Pinckney. William Alston and General Interest to local horsemen is that entitled "Old Dominion Was Turf Mother." Turf affairs in Kennucky, California and other States are oscillar interest to local horsemen is that entitled "Old Dominion Was Turf Mother." Turf affairs in Kennucky, California and other States are oscillar interestingly traced. The volume is pictures of the Interestingly traced. The volu

however, is not so much manner as matter, and it is a pleasure to commend most heartily the work of both these writers and sportschen. Mr. Anderson gives a general survey of the home, and exceeds interesting. Virginia he calls the cradie of horsemanship in this country, and states further that until very recently the Southern States alone had evinced any real interest in the equestrian art.

The British horseman he characterizes as a bold, strong and determined rider, who is, however, inside by his favorite authorities to believe, that the "primary object in riding is to get across a difficult country and do it quickly, and whey is consequently surpassed by continental riders in some of the graces and finer points of equentinaship. Mr. Anderson gives much valuable information on the care and training of the saddle horse, on the saddle, the bridle, mounting, the sadt, the spur, training and much less. The numerous photographic litustrating his part of the property of the prope

A HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES.
By Edward Channing, Vol. I. Pp. 50.
\$2.50 net, MacMillan Co., Now York.
From the MacMillan presses has recently
issued this first volume of a new history
of the United States from the pen of one
of the best known authorities on historical
matters in this country, Prof. Edward
Channing, of Harvard University. If any of the best known authorities of historical matters in this country, Prof. Edward Channing, of Harvard University. If any apology seems necessary from such a man as Prof. Channing for the writing of another long United States history, it would be found perhaps in the somewhat different point of view with which he has here set out upon his already well-traveled rep.i. In a brief preface he points out that "writers on Apierican instory have usually regarded the colonists as living a life somewhat apart from the rest the founding of each colony and State as if it had been unlike the rounding of other colonies or States." Prof. Channing, on the contrary has preferred to consider the colonies "as parts of the English empire," from which body politic they sprung, and their history as merely an evolution from previous history, different in kind from that pursued by the Englishmen who remained at home. This, the author assures us, is to be the guiding lidea through the whole work. This first volume begins with a consideration of the exidences of the earliest discovery of American land, and carries the colonies to the year 1999. Prof. Channing has seened to us particularly successful in/collecting an immense amount of data into an orderly and intelligent mirrative. His agreeable style makes the large volume following each chapter afford ample stimulus to the more studiously inclined. Indeed, in almost every way this opening volume gives evidence that the fluished work will be a contribution to American historical lore or decided value and importance. The book is excellently printed from a large, clear face of type. In how many volumes the work is to be completed is not stated.

THE GOLDEN FLOOD. By Edwin Lefevre.

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THE GOLDEN FLOOD. By Edwin Lefevre. Pp. 199. McClure, Phillips & Co., New York. Bell, Richmond.

In his earlier "Wall Street Stories," Mr. Lefevre gave evidence of understanding the "Street" and general financial and market conditions as few writers of fiction have understood them, and it is a pleasure to find here exhering to the alluring and picturesque subject which he has shown himself to be able so successfully to illuminate. "In "The Golden Flood," Mr. Lefovre-was pronounced an original and interesting proposition. A young man of unknown history and occupation opens an account with one of the largest banks in New York with an essay office check for some \$100,000. A week later he deposits a quarter of a million, then half, then a whole million, two millions, five—all in assay office checks drawn in payment of good buillion. The president of the bank and his old chum, the richest man in the world, become thoroughly alarmed. The young man declines to give any account of where the gold comes from or how much there is to come: the horrible conviction strikes the two shrewd financiers that the non-committal youth has discovered a way to make it, and that he will flood the market by this unpleasant thought they begin full-deposition of the bank and his possible and the well known that he well food the market by this unpleasant thought they begin full-deposition of the market without sadily disturbing prices. In fine, bonds sagged horribly. Maybe young Mr. Grinnell did not object at



EDWARD UFFINGTON VALENTINE, Author of "The Ship of Silence" and "Heela Sandwith." (Copyrighted by Mercellin Jinvier, Pho-tographer, Bultimore, Md.)

all to this. At any rate we find him buying through Mr. lease Herzog for the aum of \$117,000,000 bonds which a month before were worth no less than \$443,000,000. The young manhad in a word cleaned up a very tidy Hithsum largely at the expense of two of the richest and most able operators in the world. An interesting, ingenious, cleverly written and highly instructive tale.

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A KNOT OF BLUE.—By William R. A. Wilson. Pp. 3855. \$1.50. Little, Brown and Co., Boston.
Old Quebec makes a picturesque background for the action of this good story, though it is not in any sense a historical novel. "A Knot of Blue" is an entertaining and well-written romance of intrigue, adventure and love, not hinging in any way upon matters of historical fact. The remarkable conspiracy of one dispard Roquin to ruin his enemy, the gallant Chatignae, forms the basis of the plot, a conspiracy so cleverly worked up and so carefully executed that it failed of success only through the endeavors of a loving young lass, Alinee de Marsay, Charles Grunwald's pictures are excellent.

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her unsuspecting father in the hidden vault, and promptly disappearing with the vital article, the key-ring, as it were. Two or three corpses, including her own, with fingers on hands missing, indicate to the pursuing. Hareliff that other people besides himself are after this ring. The hippenings of the story are somewhat out of the beaten rut, and there are several good surprises toward the end. An entertaining and readable, if not remarkable, tale.

THE LUNATIC AT LARGE. By J Storer Clouston. Pp. 219. \$1.00. Bren

THE LUNATIC AT LARGE. By J. Storer Clouston. Pp. 219. \$1.00. Brentano's, New York. A young doctor, who, through entire absence of practice and at least a deficiency of moral fibre, is more than half ready for a hig fee, which a certain highly questionable enterprise affords, is responsible for the incarceration of young Mr. Mandell Essington in a private asylum, while that unhappy gentleman is



being personated in a recuperating tour of the continent by a shrewd young friend of the doctor's. This hint at the plot of "The Lunatle at Large" is no more complicated and indefinite than we mean to make it, and for a fuller understanding of this rollicking story the reader will have to go into the book for himself. If he is anything like us, he won't regret our firmness in this regard. Mr. Essington escapes from Clankwood, in a state of uncertainty as to who he is, and proceeds to figure in a number of escapades of an individual and humorous nature. He is an interesting, irresistible and pleasantly irrepossible person, and Mr. Clouston has written him up cleverly. It's an amusing, care-dispelling and carefree tale, which right-minded folk will read with many an appreciative chuckle.

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THE WING OF LOVE. By Katherine M. C. Meredith. Pp. 162. McClure, Phillips and Company, New York; Boll, Richmond.

"The Wing of Love" is not very original or very remarkable, but it remains for all that a pleasantly written and charming little ldyl, full of good humor and pretty sentiment and love. There is a child linit, and a poor little widow lady with a dress-suit case full of MSS. (unsold). A young giant of an American uproariously attached to laughing and fighting as occupations, with a lovable way and chest like a barrel, a strong-hearted father-in-law, whose heart wasn't all stope, a beautiful young Rosse-of-all-the-world (no relation to Mr. and Mrs. Castic's heroine of similar cognomen), with too much money to be proposed to by a noor devil of a newspaper man, and two or three others. These are all mixed up together in a not unfamiliar way, and happilly untangled at the end. It is one of those stories whose successfulness depends wholly upon the telling, and this one is well-told. A sympathetic fancy and an agreeable style have united to give the little book its attractiveness.

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JUSTIN WINGATE, RANCHMAN.—By John H. Whitson. Pp. 312, \$1,50, Little, Brown and Co., Boston. Mr. Whitson's Western stories are already well and favorably known, and this new one should help to widen his circle of readers. Colorado is the scene of "Justin Wingate," and the material in the book less drawn not only from the characteriste Western life and conditions, but from the polities of the State as well. Justin, whose sterling worth does not relieve the reader from the feeling that he is a bit of a prig. Is sent to Denver as the representative from Plat Rock county, and, thanks to the fact that he disclams allegiance to any special party or set of political tenets, finds himself a sort of bone of contention in the fight between cattlemen and irrigationists for the control of the Legislature. The mystery of Justin's paternity and the causes underlying the strangeness of the life of Dr. Curtis Clayton, Justin's guardian are other elements in the plot. There are lively accounts of a ranch fire, a cattle stampede and other typical Western happenings. A spirited and virile story, and, on the Whole, a well-written one.

on the whole, a well-written one, on the whole, a well-written one, a katherine Green. Pp. 151. Hoods-Merfill Co., Indianapolis, The dmethyst box in question contained a tiny crystal bottle, and the bottle contained a drop or two of an Oriental poison so deadily that a single whiff of it was enough to knock a strong man, or lady for matter of that, quite silly. One night the box disappeared, and shortly afterwards an elderly female, whom at least two persons had good cause, to hate, was found dead under circumstances that showed plainly that she had come into contact with the Oriental poison. The question was, who had administered it? The conclusion is disappointing, and rather inadequate, and the hero has not impressed us as the sort of man that two nice girls would plausibly fall in love with. This is one of the sincreas a sortes Mr. Green mes written and certainly one of the weakest.

then a lieutemant in the Seventh Virginia, took part in the events of which he writes, and, for one important consideration, cites war records and correspondence to show that the sufferings of the Union prisoners are directly traceable, to the orders of Grant and others to refuse to exchange prisoners, thus compelling the South to care for a large number of priaoners whom it was physically unable to provide for. A telling editorial by Charles A. Dana is also cited in this connection. The book tells the story of the six nundred Confederate officers who were "starved on rations of rotten cornmeal and onlon pickle at Fort Pulaski, Ga., and Hilton Head, S. C., 184-65, by order of Edwin M. Stanton."

THE ITALIANS IN AMERICA. By E-Lord, LL. D. D. Ternor, S. J. Barrows, Pp. 268. B. F. Buck & Co., 169 fith Avenue, New York.

The authors of this work, all of whom are, through experience and calling, well qualified to be well informed upon their subject, have written here a brief, but instructive, account of the part which Italy is now playing in the growth and national life of America. In general they acquit the Italian of the charge of being an undestrable acquisition, and in particular they refuie the impression that has of late gone abroad in the land that the Italian agures more often in criminal acts than the men of any other race. An inquiry into the native condition of the Italian emigrant leads the authors to a consideration of his manner of living on this side of the water. There are a number of photographs illustrating Italian thrift and progress in various parts of the country. The book is the first of a series "reviewing ties that are making up the composite American," and is altogether a timely addition to the literature of immigration.

addition to the literature of immigration.

THE MEDAL OF HONOR.—By General Charles King. Pp., 348. The Hobart Co., New York.
This hook is described as a story of peace and war, but even the peace in it is only peace in a military sense, and abounds in war of the civilian sert. A prologue and epilogue at West Point surround a narative dealing first with indian outbreaks in the West, and later on the internal upheaval in a Western State college, following upon the appointment of Lieutenant Fane as local military instructor. There is a major who has a medal he doesn't deserve, a young leutenant who wins one he richly deserves, and plenty of plot to keep the interest going. The author's pictures of army life are good, as always, and altogether "The Medal of Honor" is an entertaining story of the well-known King sort.

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A GREAT BIG GROWN-UP LOVE.—By Baker D. Hoskins, Jr. Pp., 172. Broadway Publishing Co., New York.

There is an Indian in this story who had the most astonishing knack of turning up at precisely the moment when the hero or his friends had to have him or be killed. The author has thus felt safe in ramming his characters into the most perilous situations, knowing full well that Lone Eagle would bob up in his peerless way and extricate them. It is a story of Texas in the days of Sana Anna and Alamo, to which State the Greens and Graveses, whose fortunes it follows, had removed from Louisiana. It is a poorly-written book, put together without imagination or any literary merit that we have been able to discover, We are willing to admit, however, that the story itself is not quite so had as its title.

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"The Profession of Getting Hurt," is the decidedly catchy title of Pearson's most important article, which describes the methods of the professional and fakers who make a business of feigning injuries from railways and other corporations, for the purpose of instituting damage suits, it is from the pen of the author of "Six Weeks in Beggardom." A. W. Rolker writes of "New York's River Tunnelers, and Arthur F. Aldridge on "What America Spends in Yachting." A. V.'s, "The Phantom Torpedo Boats," goes on. Short fiction is supplied by Arthur Hendrick Vandenberg, James Workman, Eleanor II. Porter, K. and Hesketti Pritchard, E. F. Stearns and one or two more.

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Ansile's novelette for June is from the pen of Elizabeth Duer and is entitled "The Outgoing of Simeon." There are few short stories in this Issue. Some of the authors being Sewell Pord, Martha McCulloch, Williams, Holman P. Day, Robert F. MacAlarney, George Hibhard and Anna A. Rogers. Versemakors are Charlotta Becker, Theodosia Garrison, Philip Gerry, Madison Cawein and Charles Hanson Towne. There is an essay on "Americans in London," by a lady who is described in a publisher's note as among other qualifications, "the best dancer in London Society." Society is, of course, spelt with the capital in a connection of this sort. David Grahum Philips's "The Doluge." reaches an interesting shape, and Alan Dale, contributes an dramatic-critical paper of "Some Feminine Stars."

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Sewell Ford's "On the Newport Road" is the complete long story in the new Smart Set, it is not startling for originality or plot, but is readably written. The next longest story in this issue is "The Ending of the l'ay," which will be of some particular local interest as being the work of a young Richmonder, Henry Sydnor Harrison, Other fiction is by Gertrude Lynch. Edwin I. Sabin, Anna A. Rogers, Edith Rickert, Annie O'Hagan and dithers. There is plenty of good verse from such well known song builders as Bliss Carman, Clinton Scollard, Thedosla Garrison, Arthur Stringer, John Yance Chenery and Wallace Irwis. Mr. Hemridi Conriet, contributes a short but illuminating paper on "The Art of Giving Grand Opera."

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